

On two new species of South American Birds.

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1. *CULICIVORA BOLIVIANA*, Sclater. *C. supra plumbea; infra alba plumbeo paululum tincta; ventre nivo; fronte regione oculari et genis nigris; alis nigricantibus, tectricibus et secundariis latè, primariis strictissimè albo limbatis; caudà nigrà lateralibus reetricibus albo terminatis 4; extimis ferè omninò albis—rostro et pedibus nigris.*

Long. tota $4\frac{3}{8}$; alæ $2\frac{1}{8}$; caudæ $2\frac{1}{4}$.

Hab. Bolivia (Bridges), D'Orbigny.

The present bird is the fifth of this interesting genus, of which the best known are the *C. cærulea* (Linn.) of the United States, and the *C. dumicola* (Vieill.) of Brazil and Paraguay. The Prince of Canino notices two other previously unrecognized species in his 'Conspectus Avium,' p. 316. These I have never seen; but his fifth species, the *C. budytoides*, De la Fresnaye, of which I have examined the type, belongs, I believe, more properly to another genus. There are specimens of the present species in the British and Paris Museums, and in the fine collection of the Baron de la Fresnaye at La Fresnaye near Falaise.

2. *PIPRA FLAVO-TINCTA*, Sclater. *P. alba, flavo pallidè tincta; pileo alis caudâque cum dorso inferiore nigris; uropygio cum ventre viridescente-cinereis; rostro nigro; pedibus flavis.*

Long. tota $3\frac{1}{2}$; alæ $1\frac{7}{8}$; caudæ $1\frac{1}{8}$.

Hab. S^{ta} Fe de Bogota.

This species is very like the common *Pipra manacus*, but is smaller, and has the white parts of its plumage tinged with yellow and much less black on the back. There are examples in the Museum of the Jardin des Plantes at Paris and of the Baron de la Fresnaye.—*Proc. Zool. Soc.* Feb. 24, 1852.

Description of a new species of Hyrax from Fernando Po.

By LOUIS FRASER, H.M. Consul at Whidah.

HYRAX DORSALIS, Fraser.

Adult male. General colour grizzled brown, becoming darker towards the back, where the hairs are annulated with black; a line of yellowish white, about four inches long, commencing over the short ribs and running hindways; muzzle naked and of a brown colour; eyes light hazel.

Length of head $4\frac{1}{2}$ in.; neck and body about 18 in.; hind feet, from heel to toe, 3 in.

Hab. Island of Fernando Po.

Its native name is 'Naybar'; it is nocturnal in its habits, and is no doubt common, as its loud cry of ccurr-ccurr-ccurr may be heard every evening after dark, during the commencement of the rains.

The Boobies say, it sleeps in the trees all day, and feeds upon leaves at night, but is very difficult to find.

Mr. Waterhouse, in a letter to Mr. Cuning, writes as follows respecting this *Hyrax* :—

“The *Hyrax* is certainly distinct from the two species which I am acquainted with, viz. *H. Capensis* and *H. Syriacus*, and upon comparing the skin with the description of *H. arboreus*, the only other described species, I find several discrepancies which lead me to believe it will prove distinct. I allude more especially to the texture of the fur. In Mr. Fraser’s Fernando Po animal the fur is coarse, whilst in *H. arboreus* it is said to be soft. This latter animal moreover has a transverse black stripe about the middle of the lower jaw which does not exist in Mr. Fraser’s species.”—*Proc. Zool. Soc.* Nov. 23, 1852.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS FOR JUNE 1854.

Chiswick.—June 1. Fine : cloudy. 2. Rain. 3. Cloudy : clear. 4. Cloudy : clear and cold at night. 5. Uniformly overcast : fine. 6. Cloudy and cold. 7, 8. Cloudy. 9. Overcast. 10. Fine. 11. Fine : overcast. 12. Densely clouded : slight shower : very clear at night. 13. Rain : clear. 14. Cloudy : very fine. 15. Hazy and drizzly. 16. Hazy : rain. 17. Uniformly overcast : very fine : clear. 18. Clear and very fine. 19. Very fine : cold at night. 20. Slight haze : cloudy : fine : clear. 21. Fine : cloudy : rain. 22. Very fine. 23. Uniformly overcast : very fine : clear. 24, 25. Cloudy and fine. 26. Fine. 27. Fine : rain at night. 28. Showery : very clear. 29. Cloudy : clear. 30. Very fine : rain at night.

Mean temperature of the month	56°·93
Mean temperature of June 1853	59·16
Mean temperature of June for the last twenty-eight years .	60·51
Average amount of rain in June	1·90 inch.

Boston.—June 1. Cloudy. 2. Rain A.M. 3—11. Cloudy. 12. Cloudy : rain A.M. 13—15. Cloudy. 16. Cloudy : rain P.M. 17, 18. Cloudy. 19—22. Fine. 23. Fine : thermometer 83° half-past 2 P.M. 24. Fine : thermometer 80° half-past 2 P.M. 25. Fine : thermometer 87° : rain P.M. 26. Cloudy : rain A.M. 27. Cloudy. 28. Cloudy : rain A.M. and P.M. 29. Cloudy. 30. Cloudy : rain P.M.

Sandwick Manse, Orkney.—June 1. Drizzle A.M. and P.M. 2. Cloudy A.M. and P.M. 3. Bright A.M. : cloudy P.M. 4. Cloudy A.M. and P.M. 5. Damp A.M. and P.M. 6. Cloudy A.M. and P.M. 7. Cloudy A.M. : drizzle P.M. 8. Damp A.M. : cloudy, fine P.M. 9. Drops A.M. : small rain P.M. 10. Cloudy A.M. : drops P.M. 11. Clear A.M. : rain P.M. 12. Clear A.M. : clear, fine P.M. 13. Clear A.M. : drops P.M. 14. Cloudy A.M. : showers, cloudy P.M. 15. Cloudy A.M. : clear P.M. 16. Bright A.M. : cloudy P.M. 17. Clear A.M. : cloudy P.M. 18. Damp A.M. : cloudy P.M. 19. Rain A.M. : fog P.M. 20. Clear A.M. and P.M. 21. Clear, fine A.M. and P.M. 22. Bright A.M. : cloudy P.M. 23. Drizzle A.M. : cloudy, fine P.M. 24. Rain A.M. : clear, fine P.M. 25. Clear, fine A.M. : cloudy, fine P.M. 26. Showers A.M. : damp P.M. 27. Showers A.M. : cloudy P.M. 28. Clear, fine A.M. : cloudy P.M. 29. Clear, fine A.M. : drizzle P.M. 30. Drizzle A.M. : drizzle, showers P.M.

Mean temperature of June for twenty-seven previous years .	52°·81
Mean temperature of June 1853	55·21
Mean temperature of this month	52·86
Average quantity of rain in June for thirteen previous years .	2·24 inches.